

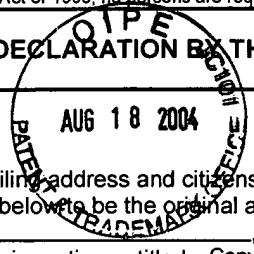
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 I believe the inventors named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,961,531, granted October 5, 1999 and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled Convertible Rongeur

the specification of which

- is attached hereto.
- was filed on July 27, 2000 as reissue application number 09/627,018
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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.
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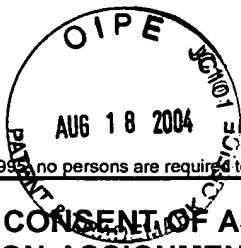
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| This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below. | | | |
| Name of Patentee(s) Helmut Weber; Gernot Weber | | | |
| Patent Number | 5,961,531 | Date Patent Issued | October 5, 1999 |
| Title of Invention Convertible Rongeur | | | |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filed herein is a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b). (Form PTO/SB/96)</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Ownership of the patent is in the inventor(s), and no assignment of the patent is in effect.</p> <p>One of boxes 1 or 2 above must be checked. If multiple assignees, complete this form for each assignee. If box 2 is checked, skip the next entry and go directly to "Name of Assignee".</p> <p>The written consent of all assignees and inventors owning an undivided interest in the original patent is included in this application for reissue.</p> | | | |
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